

RUDYERD BAY *****

Mainland Shore, Behm Canal.



Rudyerd Bay was protected from July 8 to August 27. During the early part of July several schools of herring were in the bay, but the salmon did not appear until July 22, when a few red salmon together with a small run of humpbacks entered the bay.

August 1 there was an excellent run of humpbacks and chums in the bay; practically all at the mouth of Boulder Creek and the number increased gradually; however, they did not commence escaping until about August 8. From August 9 the salmon, practically all humpbacks, escaped by hundreds. The chums escaped up stream to about 100 yards from the mouth of the creek.

Another run of red salmon entered the bay August 15 and escaped up stream.

On August 24 the creek was 18 inches above normal and there were fine runs of salmon going up stream (mostly humpbacks).

On various dates an estimate was made of the number of fish caught by seiners which is shown below:

July 21	2000	(one-half chums and one-half humpbacks)
Aug. 4	2000	Mostly humpbacks
" 8	500	" "
" 10	2500	Chums
" 11	3400	(one-half chums and one-half humpbacks).
" 14	300	Chums.
" 15	1200	Humpbacks.

There was apparently a fine percentage of escapement, considering the number in the bay and the number caught. The run of chums was not nearly so large as the humpback run.

Season of 1924.

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